

Claims

1. Medical clothing for a patient, comprising a gown formed with two arm apertures and an open front portion which defines two leaves, which gown is arranged to close around the patient's torso by overlapping of the respective leaves, and means for fastening the respective sides in an overlapped position.
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2. Clothing as claimed in claim 1 wherein the fastening means comprises one or more Velcro pad pairs and/or press stud pairs.
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3. Clothing as claimed in claim 2 wherein one pad of a pair is carried on an outer surface of one leaf and the corresponding other pad of the pair is carried on an inner surface of the other leaf, and wherein the said one pad is spaced apart from a side edge of the leaf, thereby to provide an overlap of leaves when
15 the pads are engaged.
4. Clothing as claimed in any preceding claim wherein each arm aperture is provided with releasable fastening means for reducing or enlarging the extent of the arm aperture.
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5. Clothing as claimed in claim 4 wherein the arm aperture fastening means is located in an under-arm portion of the arm aperture.
- 25 6. Clothing as claimed in claim 4 or claim 5 wherein the fastening means comprises two or more releasable fasteners for each arm aperture, thereby providing three or more aperture widths according to whether none, one or more of the fasteners are fastened or released.

7. Clothing as claimed in any of claims 4 to 6 wherein the releasable fastening means comprises one or more Velcro-type pads pairs and/or press stud pairs.

5 8. Clothing as claimed in any preceding claims wherein the means for overlapped fastening comprises, or further comprises a waist band.

9. Medical clothing for the lower body of a patient, which clothing is configured as a pair of short or long trousers having a waist portion and two leg portions, which trousers are provided with a releasably fastenable access cut which extends from the waist portion to an end of one leg portion, thereby permitting access to the covered portion of the patient's abdomen and corresponding leg by unfastening of the cut.

15 10. Clothing as claimed in claim 9 wherein there is a second releasably fastenable access cut which extends from the waist portion to an end portion of the other leg portion of the trousers, thereby permitting access to the covered portion of the patient's abdomen and corresponding other leg through the cut by unfastening of the second cut.

20 11. Clothing as claimed in claim 9 or claim 10 wherein the access cut or cuts are located on a front region of the trousers.

12. Clothing as claimed in claim 11 wherein the first and second cuts are disposed side by side to define an access panel which extends from a front region of the waist band to a gusset of the trousers.

25 13. Clothing as claimed in claim 10 wherein an upper waist portion of the

panel is provided with a waist tie, permitting tightening of the waist band to suit a patient's waist size.

14. Clothing as claimed in any of claims 9 to 13 and configured in leg length
5 as a pair of short trousers.

15. Clothing as claimed in any of claims 9 to 14 wherein the cut or cuts are each rendered releasably fastenable by means of at least one Velcro type fastener and/or at least one press stud pairs.

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16. Clothing as claimed in claim 9 wherein the fastener or a series of fasteners are elongate and extends substantially the entire length of the cut.

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17. Clothing as claimed in any preceding claim and formed from a breathable polymer felt material and intended for single use before disposal.

18. Clothing as claimed in any of claims 1 to 16, formed from cotton or polyester cotton blend and intended for re-use. .

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19. Clothing as claimed in any preceding claim and packaged in an hermetically sealed enclosure.

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20. Clothing as claimed in any preceding claim which is packaged in an hermetically sealed enclosure and wherein the clothing has been sterilised.

21. Clothing as claimed in claim 20 wherein the sterilization is by use of ethylene oxide or gamma source radiation.

22. Clothing as claimed in any preceding claim and packaged with instructions or labelling indicating disposal after use.
23. A medical clothing combination comprising a packaged gown as previously claimed and pair of trousers as previously claimed.
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